

Jury probes underground 'subversion'

WASHINGTON

A Maryland circuit court judge has ordered a grand jury investigation of possible subversive activities by the *Washington Free Press*, published by Washington Free Community Inc. and edited in Washington, although printed in Rockville, Md.

Judge James H. Pugh told the Montgomery County grand jury that the newspaper "advocates the destruction of the state and disruption of the relationship between the schools of this County and the duly constituted law enforcement agencies therof." He gave the foreman of the jury copies of the *Free Press* which were printed and distributed in Montgomery County.

Maryland law makes it a felony to commit or attempt to commit "any act intended to overthrow, destroy, alter or to assist in the overthrow, destruction or alteration of a political subdivision of the State by revolution, force or violence." Judge Pugh told the jury that if it found a violation of law it should indict the staff, publishers and printers of the *Free Press*.

Included in the issues, copies of which were given the jury, were statements that "revolutionary youths must work to unite the political and cultural aspects of the revolution" and "proceed with the destruction of the state which is attempting to defeat us by regaining control of the drug supply, which can then be used in support of the established order."

The article advised "Montgomery County high school students to Get stoned, Turn on your fellow students, especially those in the lower grades. Deal. Expand the supply as well as the demand. Drive the prices down. Sell it cheap."